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DONALD BANE.

The following is a list of names suggested by Allan's beautiful picture, "The Golden Kiss." Young Donald Bane, the gallant Cdr, Ute the wars had gone, And left within his Highland home, His plighted bride alone; Yet though the waves between them rolled, On Egypt's eastern shore, As thought of Missus Mainstre, His love would never more.

It was a dismal morning, when He bled his last soldier's life, And down the glen, above his men, The Chief's banner flew; When bonnets waved aloft in air, And war-pipes screamed in air, And the startled eagle left the cliff, For shelter in the cloud.

Brave Donald Bane, at duty's call, Hath sought a foreign strand; And Donald Bane, at duty's call, Hath sought a foreign strand; And when the Alexander's band, With Gaidie's blood was dyed, Struck the tartan plaid of Donald Bane, At Abercromby's side.

And he had seen the pyramids huge, Grand Cairo, and the Bay, Of Alcock, where the fleet Or gallant Nelson lay; And he had seen the Turkish hosts In their barbaric pride; And listened, as from burial fields, The midnight Chacei cried.

Yes; many a night had Donald seen, In Syrian deserts lone, To many a shore had Donald been, But none that matched his own; Amid the date-trees and the vine, The temples, towns, and the vine, He sought of Scotland's soil, But mid the heat and leather flowers!

So young had the soldier's heart, Again from deck to sea, Rising from the German wave, The island of the free; And stately was his step when crowds With plumes from the main, Welcomed him once more, to England's shore, Her heroes back again.

Hushed was the war din, that in wrath From coast to coast had roared; And from slaughter's bloody fang, And the patriot's sword; When (twas the pleasant summer time,) From in green grassy fields, He saw dear Scotland's soil, On the sight of Donald Bane.

Four years had passed in absence drear, Whence his steps had roared; Mid many a far and foreign scene, But his heart was unchanged; And when he saw Argyle's deer Once more, he felt the same; And again he trod Glen-Edie's soil— On a happy man was he!

There stood the dwelling of his love, Beneath the sheltering trees; Sweet was the look; the sultry air Was stilled with bees; And when he saw the white-laced larch, Old Stumach, fawning him, Flashed round him round, then he'd his hand— 'Twas bliss to Donald Bane!

Loudly stirring his heart: he entered; No sound was stirring there— And in he went—and he went— When he beheld his household wheel Before her door, he felt the same; Unsmiling, and the thread Still in her fingers lay, as when His tenuous fingers she led.

He stood and gazed a man half-dazed; Before him she reclined In half-unconscious loveliness, The idol of his life; Bland was the sleep of Innocence, As to her thoughts were given, Elysian walks with him the loved, Amid the bowers of heaven.

He gazed her beauties o'er and o'er Her shining auburn hair; Her ivory brow, her raven hair, Her cheek's rarest fair; Her round white arms—her bosom's charms, That, with her breathing low, Like swan plumes on a rippling lake, Heaved softly to and fro.

He would not move; but gazing down He clasped her in his arms; And from the honey of her lips A rapturous kiss he stole; As his clear hand from bangle round, Swept Missus from her rest; It would not be long, he felt, ere he sank on Donald's breast.

What boots to tell what then befell, Or how an idyl bound to music's sound, Began to sing; he felt the same; Or how the fatal eye was drained On mountain-tops and sea; To the healthy Missus Mainstre And faithful Donald Bane!

## Destruction of the Earth by a Comet.

Proposed of a General Deluge.—Effects of Comets on the Climate.—Various Speculations respecting the Destruction of the One now expected.

[FROM THE LONDON LITERARY GAZETTE.]

At the present time, when considerable excitement has been wrought in the public mind by the fancied appearance of one comet, and the expectation of another,—when a feverish anxiety and terror has pervaded many classes,—Mr. David Milne's "Essay on Comets," which has just appeared Dr. Fellows's Prize at the University of Edinburgh, possesses many claims to attention. A profound knowledge of the science will not be requisite to enter into Mr. M.'s details and discussions; while those who possess a comprehensive acquaintance with the subject will have no reason to complain that the subject is treated superficially; the accuracy of its descriptions, the clearness of its reasonings, and elegance of its formulae, will ensure it a favourable reception, alike from the general reader and the man of science.

Such a work was eminently wanted. Since the treatise of Halley, Pingre, and Encke, and the prodigious advances which have been made in ascertaining the nature of comets, owing, in a great degree, to the number of labourers in the field, the excellence of modern instruments, and the improvements in the methods of observing.—The records of the particulars resulting from these advantages were scattered in different papers presented to learned societies, in periodicals, foreign ephemerides, and in the works of various authors; and it was necessary to select what is worth preserving, and bringing it to bear upon the subject on which he is treating. A work of this kind was not required for merely a scientific purpose—to gratify the philosopher; it was desirable with a view to dispel those remaining mis-

superstition and vulgar prejudice which yet over-spread a large portion of society. Of this we have many recent instances, and these not altogether in the lower walks of life.

"The comet of 1454," says Mr. Milne, "seen at Constantinople, seemed there to be moving in the firmament from west to east; and to present the aspect of a flaming sword; from its great magnitude, it is said even to have eclipsed the moon, and created among the Turks the utmost consternation, as it was thought to prognosticate nothing less than a crusade from all the kingdoms of Christendom, and forbade the certain overthrow of the Crescent. Only two years afterwards, when, notwithstanding these direful omens, the Turkish arms had proved eminently victorious, and were spreading dismay over all Europe, Halley's comet, in 1456, with a long tail turned towards the east, created reciprocal and still greater alarms on the part of the Christians. Pope Calixtus believed it to be at once the sign and instrument of divine wrath; he ordered public prayers to be offered up, and decreed that in every town the bells should be tolled at midday, to warn the people to supplicate the mercy and forgiveness of Heaven; 'ut omnes de prebent comit Turorum tyrannidem fundenda ammoneretur.'"

But not only direful effects were said to attend the appearance of these bodies; they were supposed to generate atmospheric changes, affecting the productions of the earth and the animal kingdom;—and this was the opinion as recently as during the appearance of the comet of 1811: it was noticed that "the summer and autumn of 1811 were, over the whole of Europe, remarkable for long-continued heat, and the cause was generally ascribed to the great comet which appeared during the course of that year. Hence connoisseurs in wines are still in the habit of distinguishing the claret made from the vintage of that year by the appellation of the 'comet wine,' on account of the effect which this luminary was supposed to have had in maturing the vintage. But the most remarkable account of the agency of this comet occurs in a periodical publication of considerable notoriety, from which the following statement is extracted. After promising the opinion of Bacon, that 'comets have some power over the growth and mass of things, the author goes on to observe, that 'the comet which appeared in 1811 seems a proof of the justness of this remark; and he then proceeds to state 'some singular changes and circumstances,' which its influence occasioned. 'The winter,' says he, 'was very mild, the spring was wet, the summer cool, and very little appearance of the sun to ripen the produce of the earth; yet the harvest was not deficient; nature, by no means not only abundant but deliciously ripe, such as figs, melons, and wall fruit. Very few weasps appeared, and the flies became blind, and disappeared early in the season. No violent storms of thunder and lightning, and little or no frost and snow the ensuing winter. Venison, which has been supposed to be indebted for its favour to a dry and parched summer, was by no means deficient in fatness or flavour. But what is very remarkable, continues this sage observer, 'in the metropolis, and about it, was the number of females who produced twins; some had more, and a shoemaker's wife, in Whitechapel, produced four at one birth, all of whom,' etc. etc. But enough of so deplorable an example of astrological faith, more worthy of the darker ages, than of a country and times so enlightened as ours.

There cannot be any doubt but men of science have tended very much to perpetuate this feeling: of this Mr. Milne gives a faithful account, nor does he exempt poets from a portion of the censure.

"Du Bartas labours to describe minutely a comet's physical appearance; and it will be denied, that the author has succeeded marvelously in upholding the reputation of those bodies as the dreaded messengers of evil.

"Here in the night appears a flaming spear, There a fierce dragon folded all in fire; Here, with long bloody hairs, a blazing star Threatens the world with famine, plague, and war; To princes death, to kingdoms many crosses, To all estates inevitable losses; To heretics ruin, to ploughmen hapless seasons, To sailors storms, to cities civil treasons!"

We need not, then, be surprised to find the following descriptions given by the historians and professed astronomers so deeply tinged with the superstition by which the age was characterized, and after so highly coloured or caricatured, as to render it difficult to recognise the thing described to be a comet. "When for instance, we read of comets which resembled flaming swords and spears, or one which (as Lucretius relates) came out from an opening in the heavens, like a dragon with blue feet, and a head covered with snakes; we only pity the degradation of the human mind which either could invent or could tolerate such monstrous absurdities. The following remarkable description is taken from the Exemplum Cometae of Rosenburg:—"In the year 1527; about four in the morning, not only in the palatine of the Rhine, but nearly all over Europe, appeared for an hour and a quarter a most horrible comet, in this sort. In its length it was a bloody cloud, inclining to saffron. From the top of its train appeared a banded arm, in the hand whereof was a huge sword, in the instant poised of striking. At the point of the sword was a star. From the star proceeded dusky rays, like a hairy tail, on the side of them other rays, like javelins or lesser swords, as if imbrued in blood, beneath which appeared human faces, of the colour of blackish clouds, with rough hair and beards. All these moved with such terrible sparkling and brightness, that many spectators swooned with fear."

Some copious particulars are given relative to the "lost comet of 1770," as it has been erroneously termed; and it is fully proved, that, owing to the attraction of Jupiter, its orbit is so altered, that instead of its period being only five years and half, this comet "requires about twenty years to accomplish a revolution; but now it is situated at so great a distance from the earth, that it will always remain invisible to us, unless in the lapse of time it shall again undergo other perturbations, similar to those which have so often forced it to deviate from its regular course."

The result of the most profound and unimpeachable investigations have proved beyond a doubt, that its elements have only undergone such an alteration, through the disturbing influence of Jupiter, as to render the comet now no longer discernible from the earth; and this explanation has been deemed as adequate by philosophers, that it is recorded in the annals of human knowledge as one of the noblest efforts which astronomy has achieved in unravelling the mysteries of nature."

The interesting question is discussed, relative to the existence of an ether diffused through space; which supposition is confirmed by the comet of Encke, in which a variation is observed not to be accounted for or corrected by the strictest regard to planetary perturbations; this variation is indicated by the diminution of its pe-

riod, and the shortening of the greater axis of its orbit.

But we dare assert, that the part of this Essay which will be found most interesting to the general reader, will be that which treats of the collision of this earth with a comet.

It was apprehended by some astronomers, that if a comet was to approach the earth, within a short distance of its surface, the attraction of the comet might be sufficient to elevate the ocean to a prodigious height, and thus occasion all the horrors of a deluge. La Lande computed, that were a comet of the size of the earth to come within 13,000 leagues, or about five or six times nearer than the moon, the waters of the earth would be raised 200 toises above their ordinary level, and thus inundate all the continents of the world. Such would undoubtedly be the effect of the mere proximity of the comet, but as Du Séjour justly remarks, this result is materially modified by several circumstances. La Lande's calculation is founded on the supposition, that the comet remains vertical over the same part of the earth, till the full effect of its attraction is produced. Now Du Séjour shows in the most satisfactory manner, that, supposing the ocean to be in a uniform depth of a league, near eleven hours must elapse before the inertia of the waters could be overcome; or if the depth be supposed two leagues, eight hours and a quarter would be necessary. But let, the comet cannot remain beyond a very short period over the same spot, on account both of its own progressive motion and the rotation of the earth. The comet would soon have removed to so great a distance, as to lose all power of attraction. 3d. The waters of the ocean are not spread uniformly over the surface of the globe; and this is a circumstance, which, as in the Mediterranean and other inland seas, diminishes very considerably the elevation of the tides. But, along with these considerations, it is essential also to remember the small mass which characterizes the generality of comets.—La Place showed that the mass of the comet of 1770, one of the largest ever observed, could not have amounted to 1-5000th part of the mass of the earth; but assuming that its mass was even equal to this, what is the actual effect which its attraction could have produced on the ocean, in comparison with the moon's influence? The power of attraction it is well known, is proportioned to the mass; so that if we assume the comet of 1770, to have had a power of attraction, equal to 1-66th part of the moon's, and modify this according to the law established by Newton, that the effect increases in the inverse triplicate ratio of the distance, we find, that in order to produce only the same elevation of the tides as the moon does, the comet must be (66-6) 118, or about four times nearer to the earth than the moon. But at so short a distance, and possessing, therefore, so great an angular velocity, the comet would have passed by long before any such effects could have taken place.

By proximity alone, comets are almost wholly incapable of affecting either the movement of the planets, or the system of things upon their earth. But for more abundant reasons, the supposition of actual contact for one of those circumstances which would be the chief means of counteracting a comet's influence in approaching a planet, viz: the rapidity of its motion, would serve by the momentum, to give effect to a collision. Still it must be observed, that, though this occurrence will necessarily be attended with very great commotion, and, consequently, is one of which the risk is infinitely less than a mere approach. For, in order that the collision should happen, it is requisite, first, that the radius vector of the comet be exactly equal to the planet's distance from the sun; secondly, that the comet be in the plane of the planet's orbit; and thirdly, that the longitude of its ascending or descending node be the heliocentric longitude of the planet. When, therefore, we consider the improbability that all these conditions should be simultaneously fulfilled, and add to this circumstance, the immensity of the celestial spaces through which the orbits of comets extend, it will at once appear how unlikely it is that such an occurrence should take place in the succession of many ages. But enough of the probability of such a collision is extremely small; we see that it is perfectly possible in itself; whilst the amount of that probability may be greatly increased by lapse of time. Let us now, therefore, shortly attend to the consequences which might ensue from such an event. It is evident that much will depend on the direction of the comet's course at the time of its encounter with a planet. If both be moving towards the same quarter of the heavens, each will glide off from the surface of the other and no very material change will be produced, either on their movements or on their physical constitution. But should the directions of their respective courses be exactly opposite when the concurrence takes place, (a case, however, which is easy to suppose, inasmuch as the retrograde comets) the consequences would necessarily be far more serious and permanent. It is true, that in general, comets are of a very inconsiderable magnitude; but the deficiency of mass, is amply compensated by the prodigious momentum, by means of which a planet might be impeded, or even altogether arrested, in its orbit. If, for instance, a retrograde comet, moving at the rate of 1,784,000 feet per second, should in this manner meet the earth, and assuming the earth's velocity at the time to be 102,000 feet per second, the shock would have the effect of at once destroying the progressive motion of both bodies, and causing them to fall to the sun, were the comet's mass only about one-seventeenth of the earth's, or four times that of the moon. It is true, we have no very authentic records of many comets of such a size having been observed; though, even if there were none at all, the fact would afford an illustration of our limited knowledge, rather than a proof of the non-existence of such bodies in the system. But even in our own times, comets of this size have appeared; if Herschel's estimate be correct, exceeded the moon in diameter, and which, if it had chanced to strike this body in a particular direction, would most infallibly have caused it to descend to the earth's surface. Seeing, then, that the collision of a comet and planet is an event lying within the verge of possibility, have we any reason to suppose that it is not a possibility which has happened? This question we can answer, only by examining the movements and constitution of the planets as they at present exist, and tracing back the circumstances now characterizing both those causes by which they seem to have been produced."

The question of the earth ever having been struck by a comet, is discussed, and its probability maintained, from the physical revolutions which it must have undergone at some time.—By an attentive investigation of the general features of the globe, Mr. Milne supposes that the collision of a comet by which these physical changes were effected, must have taken place somewhere in the southern hemisphere. Having dismissed this point, that next brought un-

der notice is the probable period when a similar catastrophe will occur; and of all the comets likely to produce this event, none is more so than the comet of Encke; which is now nightly expected to be visible, if not so already.

"Never removing from the sun to a greater distance than Pallas, and crossing the track of the earth, as well as that of every other planet, Pallas, more than thirty times in a century, it is from this comet chiefly that we have to apprehend the risk of a collision. It is found to be particularly liable to suffer perturbation from the attraction of Mercury, which it sometimes approaches so near as 360,000 miles. This circumstance has led some to apprehend that, at a future period, a collision may take place between this comet and Mercury; at all events, their frequent proximity will afford to astronomers the means of determining that planet's mass, which is not yet very accurately known. Concerning its approach to our own planet, others have computed, that in the course of 88,000 years this comet will come as near to us as the moon; that in four millions of years it will pass at the distance of about 700 geographical miles, when, if its attraction should equal that of the earth, the waters of the ocean will be elevated 13,000 feet, that is, above all the European mountains except Mont Blanc. The inhabitants of the Andes and the Himalaya mountains, therefore, would alone be able to escape such a deluge, which would probably leave upon our globe a record of its occurrence, similar to those discovered at the present day. After a lapse of 219 millions of years, according to the calculations of the same astronomer, an actual collision will take place between this comet and the earth, severe enough to shatter its external crust, alter the elements of its orbit, and annihilate the various species of animated beings dwelling on its surface."

Hence we may conclude that, in the course of 219 millions of years, our globe will certainly be smashed by a comet. I have remarked that Encke's comet approaches nearer the earth's orbit than any other yet discovered; and hence the probability is, that the fate which is thus demonstrated to be reserved for our globe, will be fulfilled by means of this particular comet. But such speculations, however striking the results, conduce to no practical advantage, and contribute little to the advancement of science. They afford astonishing proofs of the energy of man's intellectual power, by which he extends his vision to the horizon of the most distant futurity, and looks forward, it may be, with a feeling of complacent assurance, to the momentous events, which, from his knowledge of the past, he is enabled to foresee. But let him not rest too confidently on the verities of such speculations. Astronomers have proposed, it is true, the collision of a comet with the earth, an event that will at once destroy the greater part of the human species; but any slight attraction, which, in calculating the movements of this comet, they have chanced to overlook, must inevitably nullify the whole, and render the prediction at once vain and futile; while, perhaps, some other comet, among the many thousands traversing the system, and following an orbit to us unknown, may, in the meanwhile, come in contact with our globe, and thus, without any warning of its approach, produce the same terrible effects, long before the expected period of Encke's arrival.

Mr. Milne has some curious ideas on comets considered as habitable bodies, and very ingeniously shows that there is no absurdity in the supposition, but that it is perfectly agreeable with the economy of the universe.

"If we estimate the intelligence of beings by the knowledge which their place in the universe is fitted to impart, we are compelled to regard the cometary inhabitants as of an order even superior to the creatures of the earth. When, for example, they find themselves passing through the midst of the satellites, those small bodies which we can scarcely discern with telescopes; or when they are brought so close to the planet Saturn that they can examine the wonderful phenomenon of its rings even with the naked eye, at the perihelion passage, they are able to observe every thing on the surface of the sun, that great luminary, the mysterious source of life and light and energy, to the system—what spectacles of delightful contemplation must they enjoy, and what means of attaining an acquaintance with the works of nature, infinitely greater than any which we shall ever command! Travelling, as they do, the whole extent of that system of the earth, for so insignificant a member, and directing their course far beyond its known limits into those regions of space, whose dark and unfathomable nature it will forever baffle human penetration to explore, the beings who have their abode on comets must be familiar with many important truths of which we can obtain only a few casual glimpses, the comets of our system, and the inhabitants of the manifold wonders of creation, as must afford to them the noblest conceptions of that Almighty Being by whose wisdom they were constructed, and by whose power they are still sustained."

Towards the conclusion very interesting matter is introduced relative to the origin of the planetary system, the idea of which was probably suggested by those nebulae which are now resolvable into stars, in the centre of each of which there is a nucleus of brightness, that may be termed the incipient sun, surrounded with attenuated matter, gradually coalescing into planetary globes.

But the comets, on account of the striking peculiarities of their movements, could not possibly be reconciled to this hypothesis. The circumstance of their moving in every direction indiscriminately, sometimes nearly at right angles to the ecliptic, sometimes in a manner quite opposite to the course of the planets, proved that they could not possibly have had their origin, in common with them, in a solar atmosphere. The eccentricity of their orbits indicated that they came from, and probably originated in, a quarter of the heavens far beyond the limits of the solar atmosphere, or planetary sphere, while their highly attenuated nature, as shown by various circumstances, render it probable that they must be formed by the local condensation of some medium diffused through celestial space. So that comets may be considered, according to this hypothesis, as strangers or visitors of the solar system, not of the same family, nor generated by a similar process, but each forming a world by itself, and fulfilling its own separate functions in the great economy of nature. Mr. Milne introduces the opinions of Herschel and La Place, relative to the generation of comets;—that these are originally minute nebulae, which by the continual approximation of the planets, have at length acquired such a degree of density, as to be capable of being attracted by the sun, and of describing an orbit of their own. As the nebulous mass approaches the sun, one result is the expansion of its parts, and their prolongation into what has been termed the tail; but another result according to Herschel, and one no less important, is a gradual

consolidation of the nebulous matter by the agency of the solar heat. "It is admitted on all hands," says he, "that the act of shining denotes a decomposition, in which at least light is given out; but that many other elastic volatile substances escape at the same time, especially in so high a degree of rarefaction, is far from improbable. Since light then, certainly, and very likely other subtle fluids also, escape in great abundance during a considerable time before and after a comet's nearest approach to the sun, I look," says Herschel, "upon a perihelion passage in some degree as an act of consolidation."

Some objections may be made to this theory; for however rare this nebulous matter, and of a tenacity scarcely conceivable, it must move, in some small degree, in the direction towards which it is afterwards supposed to be attracted; consequently, among the 2,500 nebulae recorded, there would be, in some, a slow progressive motion detected—which has never been done: the theory is plausible, but it is at variance with many known peculiarities of comets, which are, it is highly probable, of the same origin as planets; the very great eccentricity of their orbits will account for many of the phenomena of cometary bodies. And might not another hypothesis be equally well raised, that this nebulous matter was the wreck and debris of former systems?

The rotation of comets on their axes is rather slightly referred to; though this point, if established, would tend to throw great light on their physical constitution. That comets have this motion, there can scarcely be a doubt;—certain striking phenomena observed, cannot easily be referred to changes in either the envelope or nucleus of several comets that have appeared; the circumstance of the rotation of the tail of a comet, referred to in one of the notes is exceedingly curious; the comets of 1811 and 1825 had this peculiarity, to which we may add, that the latter was remarkable for its tail being distinctly bifid, the two great branches of which made an angle of 45 deg. with each other;—this appearance was observed at Parramatta, in New South Wales, and near London, at the same time.

Mr. Milne, in his advertisement, indirectly apologizes for not having studied elegance of composition, or glossed over his essay with the gay coloring of fancy; but parts of this essay sufficiently prove that he can not only write with accuracy as to related facts, and with perspicuity as to mathematical reasoning, but also with considerable beauty and eloquence.

## LATE ENGLISH JOURNALS.

### DREADFUL MURDER AT LYONS.

A most horrid murder at Lyons has caused much excitement. The facts are these:—About the beginning of the month of June, a young man named Porcheron, a silk-weaver, at Lyons, was missed—and, from the rumours afloat, the Police-officers were induced to go and search his house. Porcheron received them, and showed the corpse of his daughter to them, saying, "I killed her—she consented to it—I did it when she was sixteen years of age. Her father was in the presence of God. President—Did you feel no emotion at the sight of your victim? Prisoner—I would have wept, but could not. President—What were your feelings on the night of the murder? Prisoner—I could not sleep; I felt echoes in my head; I took a knife to let them out, but when I felt the pain from the cut, I left off. President—Why did you throw away your money out of the window? Prisoner—to prevent thieves getting it."

From the evidence of the surgeons it was satisfactorily proved that the prisoner was insane, and he was acquitted, but was placed at the disposal of the Attorney-General.

FANATICISM IN FRANCE.

A Mission took place at the little town of Nogent-le-Rotrou, and such missions generally are followed by tumults and disorders, which prove a deplorable fermentation in the minds of the people. There was an *Auto-da-fé* of a small library. It was burned by the hand of a Minister of the Gospel. This is only stupid and ridiculous, but we mourn over the following facts. A mother of a family became, after hearing an energetic and threatening sermon on the rewards and punishments of the next life. A young wife, hitherto a model of kindness, was transformed by fanaticism into a sort of wild beast, and seizing her husband by the throat at night, endeavoured to strangle him, because she was damned, she cried, damned forever. Among other disturbances which ensued, Maria Jeanne Derbiard, Widow Pierre, called the Grenadier, and the Swearer, was brought before the tribunal of Nogent-le-Rotrou, charged with having assaulted M. Fillent when he was passing through St. Hilaire street, calling him names, such as robber, thief, scoundrel, and with having, with the approbation of the riotous populace, struck him several violent blows. Her appearance, when she came to take her trial, corresponded with her names. She confessed her crime, and gloried in it. Explained to the Court how she had pumelled M. Fillent, and seemed so ready to repeat the operation on the door-keeper near her, that he turned pale, and hastened out of her reach. Her gesture and demeanour were so violent before the Court, and she returned to the seat assigned her, after her avowals, with an air of triumph. The public prosecutor required the Court, as the charge was proved, to punish her, by a fine of three francs, and the costs. The Court, after some deliberation, sentenced her to two years' imprisonment, the maximum of the punishment allowed by the law for the offence, to pay a fine of 15 francs, and to pay all the costs.—*Gazette des Tribunaux.*

regatory, for it would have been as easy for them to break the peace through a feather bed as through his brass and bulk. One of those gentlemen was Mr. Hill. The other was "a gentleman what nobody knows," and he "kept the peace most notably by walking off steadily," with which walking of Mr. Hill was well pleased that he threw his arms round the watchman's neck—round his waist he could not have thrown them, had he been so much, for that was beyond his compass; but he threw them round his neck, raised himself up on tip-toe, and gave the fat watchman—*De gustibus non est disputandum*—a regular smacker on the forehead of his left hand cheek!—*Come—I don't half like that!* said the fat watchman. "Don't you?" said Mr. Hill—"why then do you like this any better?"—which "this" was neither more nor less, than that the gentleman of the Fancy would call a whistling wit in the jury-box; and the fat watchman perhaps thought it no better than the kiss. "However," said he, in continuation of his evidence, "I did not much mind it, for he fought like a Pythagorean."

"And pray how is that?" said Mr. Alderman Crowder.

"My own-hand-of, of course, your Worship," replied the fat watchman.

"Did you ever come into the Court before?" said the Alderman.

"No, your Worship, God forbid!" replied the fat watchman. "But I've a Dr. Rousseau here, and when I was a young man I was of a constable there; and by virtue of my office, I was often called in to quell the French prisoners when they were fighting—as we call it, but Lord knows, it was a fearful business, fighting, scratching, and clasp-clawing after all—and nobody was the worse for it."

This point settled, the fat watchman finished his evidence about Mr. Hill; by which it appeared that he did not lock him up for either kissing or hitting, but for his forlorn and helpless condition.—"for," said he, "his cloak was all dragging behind him in the mud; and he could hardly get one foot before the other, he was so very far gone in liquor, your Worship, and so we judged it best to lock him up out of harm's way."

"Well Sir," said the Alderman to Mr. Hill, "you seem to have concluded yourself very strongly. What have you to say to it?"

"Upon my honour, Sir," replied Mr. Hill, "I have not the slightest recollection of anything."

And the Alderman directed that he should pay five shillings to the poor of St. Andrew parish, and that he should make good his cloak, and also that he should make the fat watchman some reasonable compensation for the trouble which his drunkenness had given him. Which having done, he departed—*an odder odder it is to be hoped, a wiser man than he was before he got into this scrape.* *Proposus of scrapes—the scraping the mud from his drugged cloak will not be a credit; and when it is scraped he will perhaps have to sing a song.*

Mr. Clark it was a very good clock, but it has been always to the rear; but now it is not worth a groat, The scraping hath made it so very thread-bare.

## THE SCHOOLMASTER IS ABROAD.—When Mr. Lawrence and Mr. O'Hagan were proceeding to the North, last summer, they attended a meeting held in the parish church of Ardath, in the county of Meath. A country schoolmaster made his appearance there, after having indulged rather freely in potations of the native beverage, and became so obstreperous by applauding the different speakers, in a hallooing sort of strain, that, after repeated admonitions, he was removed from the interior of the chapel by two able-bodied men and left sitting outside the door. A young man in one of the galleries, of plain appearance, who had been attentive to the whole proceedings, as soon as he saw the schoolmaster carried out of the chapel, exclaimed in a loud voice, sufficiently loud to be heard in every part of the sacred edifice. "The schoolmaster is abroad," which witticism produced loud and incessant peals of laughter for some minutes throughout the chapel.—*Dublin Morning Register.*

CITY OF LONDON AND SCOTLANDS INSTITUTE.—The Members of this Institution yesterday evening gave a Concert at their Theatre, in Aldergate-street, for the benefit of the Fund for the Relief of the Spanish and Italian Refugees. The principal singers were Miss Grant and Miss Belchambers, and Messrs. Phillips and Beggs. Mr. Mori led the band, and Mr. Forbes was the Conductor. The Concert was opened with Cherubini's Overture to "Anacreon," which was executed in most excellent style, and was warmly applauded. The Quartet, "Ciel il mio labbra," by Miss Belchambers, Miss Grant, Mr. Beggs, and Mr. H. Phillips; and the Terzett, "Tremate Empi tremate," by the three last of these performers, were given with excellent taste and judgment, and were most highly supported by the leading instrumental performers. Phillips then sang the Ballad of "The Maid of Langdon," with the neatness and beauty of execution which are almost peculiar to him. He was loudly encored, and repeated the air with, if possible, greater effect than before. He afterwards gave the recitative and air, "Angel of Life," in his best style, and displayed to great advantage the fullness of his fine baritone voice, sustaining himself with astonishing power on the last notes of the air. Among the instrumental performances of the evening, a Duet on the Harp and Flute by Mr. Chatterton, and Mr. Card, a Fantasia on the Violin by Mr. Mori, and another on the Piano by Mr. Forbes, deserved and received the warmest plaudits. The company assembled was numerous, and the probability not so numerous as the members of the Institution desired, when they proposed by this means to give their assistance in the furtherance of a most charitable object.

An arrangement has been made with a corps of Italian singers, for the production of a series of operas at the Bristol Theatre, in February.—*Bath Chronicle.*

On Sunday week, the Sexton of Dunsbury Church, on entering that sacred edifice about six in the evening, saw, in his "mind's eye," the late Mr. Twigg, of Earl's Heaton, who was interred about three months ago, sitting in the pew which he formerly occupied in the church. The sexton's fright occasioned by this proof of the insufficiency of his labours to conceal the dead, was such that he immediately took his bed, where he still remains.—*York Chronicle.*

We observe a denial (official of course) of the youthful Marquis of Abercorn having joined the battue at Gorhambury. We have much to query, minute as the importance of the subject demanded, and we submit the result to our readers.—The young Marquis, then, had actually thirteen bona fide shots, and two miss-fire; his Lordship brought to book five cock pheasants, one old brood hen (for which he paid the usual forfeit), and very narrowly missed bagging an elderly Fizz Nuthatch. We were inside, and in a minute to show that on great occasions we can be as official as our neighbours.—*Morning Chronicle.*

A MAN OF FAMILY.—A decent highlander in Badenoch called lately upon the minister of the parish, and making his bow, bowed to that Mr. ————, and then, in a low, confidential tone, he christened a few hairs for him.—"A few hairs?" exclaimed the minister, "what way is that to speak, Donald? how many have you got?" "Why Sir," replied the other, "there were three when I left the house, but I cannot tell how many there may be since."—*Inverness Courier.*



From the *West-End Patriot*.  
**LATEST FROM ENGLAND.**  
 The ship *London Belle* has just arrived at Brompton, bringing London dates four days later than before received.  
 The Courier of the 30th of Jan. announces, positively, the appointment of the Duke of Northumberland to the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland. The King was coming from Windsor, for the meeting of Parliament. The Duke was to be the first to appear on the balcony on the 2d of February, and would take his departure for London on the 4th.  
 Under London date of January 27, it is stated that Prince Polignac has actually succeeded in negotiating a treaty, for an intervention between Russia and the Porte, in relation to the blockading of the Bosphorus, and the treaty, already signed, had been communicated to the Emperor of Russia. The important news had been received by express from Vienna, that the Ambassadors had had an interview with the Reis Effendi, at which it was stated that Russia had an anxious desire to treat with the Porte on moderate terms, to which it was replied, if this

Private letters from Vienna, received in London Jan. 26, express the opinion that another campaign between Russia and Turkey will be prevented.

A proclamation was circulating in Lisbon calling on all true loyalists to rally around Donna Carlotta, the Queen Mother, during the illness

Lord Dalhousie, late Governor of the Canadas, was making preparations for his departure for India, in which country he has received the appointment of commander of the forces.

IRELAND.—Since the departure of the Marquis Anglesey from Ireland numerous addresses had been forwarded to him from that country.

Two detachments, from the 56th and 96th regiments of Infantry, left London on the morning of the 27th of January for Namur.

*From the Seat of War.*—Advices from Odessa, are to the 3d of January. The winter was unusually severe. The Grand Vicer, and the whole army were (Dec. 25) between Aidoo and Shumla, in cantonments, the rigour of the winter admitting of no active operations. Tahir Pacha who commanded part of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Navarin, had received orders to march part of their forces assembling at Adrianople to the Danube, whither Tschakal Omer

had proceeded before with the Asiatic cavalry. Large reinforcements have been sent to Erzerum. Hussein Pacha has been succeeded at Choulm by Haleb Pacha, and was on his way to take command of the camp at Adrianople. The Sultan was still at Zamis Tchifick. The most urgent commands continue to be sent for armaments to Asia, and the Porte will make a great display of force in the spring.

Down to the 26th Dec. the greatest tranquillity reigned at Constantinople. The roads on

the frontiers of Turkey were said to be covered with snow to the depth of from four to five feet.

GREECE.—Lord Cochrane has resigned his command in the Greek navy.

The Forte of Salome on the North Coast of the Gulf of Lepanto had surrendered to the Greeks with 800 men, Albanians, who had been allowed to return to their homes.

Mr. Stratford Canning, and the Russian Plenipotentiary, left Poros, Dec. 20, for Malta and Naples. Gen. Guilleminot had sailed Dec. 18.

The Journal des Debats contains a memorandum from the Commissioners of the Greek Government, addressed to the Monarchs of the Triple Alliance, in December, 1927, two months after the battle of Navarin. At that period no determination had been taken respecting the limits within which regenerated Greece should, for the present at least, be restricted. The Commissioners, emboldened, no doubt, by the triumphant

results of an action which they believed to have been fought by the express command of the Allies, claimed a more extensive portion of territory than the latter seemed willing to grant, even after the occupation of the Mores by a French army. They admit that the best frontier would be those which present the shortest possible line of demarcation; and forgetting that the neck of the Isthmus of Corinth is the spot which answers best to their own description, they asked for the line traced out on the one side by the mountains

*Smyrna*, Dec. 17.—The information that the blockade of the Dardanelles was limited to grain cargoes, has been confirmed by our Commodore, Sir Thomas Staines, he was informed by the commander of the blockading squadron, that only vessels with such cargoes would be prevented passing through, and that colonial

FRANCE.—The speech of the King of France at the opening of the Chambers was to have been delivered Jan. 27, and it was understood it would present the same general views, as those to be presented by the speech of the King of England at the opening of Parliament.

The Courier arrived at Marseilles on the 16th from the Morea, with French troops. She belonged to the first convoy. The rest of the troops would follow in about two months. Col. Fabvier had arrived out, and had confirmed the report that the French government had placed at his disposal 500,000 francs per month.

troops sick and convalescent, returning from the  
Mediterranean is very great. The Galates frigate alone  
had 500 on board when she touched at Toulon  
and the rest filled many transports, which she  
was conveying to Marseilles.

**LONDON MARKETS.**—Jan. 27.

It is reported, but not believed, that ministers  
propose a reduction in the duties on British plan-  
tation as well as on East India sugar. The com-  
modities continue good and business was done on Sa-  
turday at an advance of 1s. per cw. Coffee.

Demand for the continent limited, purchases numerous for home consumption and market healthy. Tobacco—in consequence of a letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer stating his intention of laying a duty of 2d per lb. on stemmed, after April 5, an extensive speculation has taken place here and Liverpool, where it was first known. The opinion of the trade is that the measure will not be adopted as it will encourage monopoly and finally hurt the revenue. The market is in a state of agitation.

London Corn Exchange, Jan. 20.—Attempts have been made by the consumers to obtain wheat lower than last market day, from an expectation that the navigation will be speedily re-opened; quotations nominally as in our last trade rather dull. No alteration in the price of Flour.

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**LOSS OF BRIG DROMO OF PORTLAND.**  
Boston, March 13.—Capt. Cody, of brig Elizabeth, arrived at this port yesterday, from Gloucester, with the following cargo:

tenburg, fell in on the 26th ult. lat. 41, long. 61 1-2, with brig Diomo, of Portland, and took her from her mate and one seaman, the survivors. The following particulars, from the mate of the melancholy loss of the vessel, have been received at Merchants' Hall:—On the 21st Feb. lat. 40, lon. 63, while lying in a heavy gale, a shipped a sea, which stove the bulwarks, split the plank sheer and caused the vessel to leak.

A black and white photograph showing a landscape. The foreground is dark and appears to be a silty or sandy beach. In the middle ground, there is a lighter, hazy area that could be water or a distant shore. The background is very bright and lacks detail, suggesting a very bright sky or a distant horizon. The overall image has a grainy, high-contrast quality.



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**CARD.**—Catalogues of the 500 pieces London cloth and cassimeres, to be sold to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, will be ready and the cloths arranged for examination at our ware room, No. 62 Market street, *This Day*, at 12 o'clock, the British goods comprising a very superior assortment of broad cloths, consisting of elegant new style patterns, circassians, velvets, Irish linens, hosiery, shirtings, bombazines, gimp laces, round and point muscows, &c. will be ready for examination with catalogues, to-morrow morning, at 6 o'clock.

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**OF BRITISH DRY GOODS.**

Will be added to our sale of cloths, to-morrow afternoon, 100 packages fresh British dry goods, received by the late arrivals, comprising a handsome assortment of desirable goods.

**STOCK OF DRY GOODS.**

On Tuesday, 3d inst. at 3 o'clock, on 4 months credit, by order of assignees,  
A stock of dry goods, comprising a large assortment of fancy and staple goods.

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Also, 20 pair of ladies' lining shoes, of superior quality, the property of a family removing.

On Wednesday, 18th March, at 10 o'clock, at No. 17, South Street.

A quantity of household kitchen and bar furniture, consisting of mahogany bureaus, dining and other tables, candlesticks, chairs, auditors, showis and trunks, leather beds, bedsteads, chairs, showis and glass ware, looking-glasses, bar furniture, kitchen utensils, &c. &c.

Also, one shuffle board and pieces, and one yard of cloth, to be of a person removing.

N. B. The above establishment, with the bar furniture, &c. can be had on reasonable terms, on application at the premises.

On Thursday the 19th of March.

All that is contained in the situation in Arch street, above Broad street, known by the name of the Labyrinth Garden, together with the uncultured land of said premises, for nearly two years. In said garden are many valuable trees, many valuable plants—also in the Garden are many valuable trees, grape vines, roses of all descriptions, shrubs, &c. &c. which the purchaser may remove at pleasure. The household furniture and kitchen utensils, auditors, together with all the garden benches and tables. The above place is well worthy the attention of towns keepers and others, as the whole will be sold without reserve.

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**Brazilian and Ivory Combs.**  
To-morrow evening.  
1 trunk Brazilian tuck combs, new patterns, 3; 3 and  
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To-morrow evening.  
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**SECOND HAND FURNITURE.**  
On Wednesday morning, at the auction store,  
A large quantity of second hand furniture, consisting of sideboards, bureaux, dining and card tables, rush and Windsor chairs, looking glasses, beds, bedsteads and

**TO COACHMAKERS.**  
On Wednesday, at 10½ o'clock, in front of the auction  
store.

The remaining stock in trade of Thomas A. Hillier, by order of the assignee, consisting of—1 library gig, brass mounted, and of superior workmanship, made for the late Mr. Hillier, and valued at \$100; 2 valuable, unfinished; and 1 unfinished deerborn, 1 do. library 1 do. gig, with other articles. Sale positive.

**EXTENSIVE SALE OF SUPERIOR CABINET FURNITURE.**

On Friday morning, 25th inst. at half past 10 o'clock, by catalogue, at No. 11, Broad Street, between Dock and Spruce streets, in the City of New York, the Assignee of the late Mr. Thomas A. Hillier, will sell the entire stock in trade of some of the most extensive cabinet makers in the city, all of which has been manufactured for private sale, by first rate workmen, and of the most superior materials.

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inlaid, full and half column bureaus, highly polished, with glass handics, washstands, with marble tops, plain do. patent mahogany bedsteads, richly carved full post, of curled maple.

The Furniture rooms will be open on Thursday, the day previous to the sale, and arranged in such a manner as to give those who wish to buy a full opportunity of examining the same.

After the sale of Furniture, the tools, working benches, &c. of the shop, with a quantity of lumber, of different kinds.

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